

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.116 is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2005. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 3-9.

By the present amendment, the rejected claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice to the applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application. By virtue of the cancellation of these claims, the only remaining claims in the application are claims 3-9, all of which have been indicated as allowable. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, and allowance of this application, is respectfully requested.

Entry of the Amendment is requested, notwithstanding the finality of the Office Action. With regard to this, it is noted that 37 CFR §1.116 permits entry of Amendments canceling claims at any time during the prosecution of an application, including After Final Rejection.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of

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this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.42841X00) and credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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